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"There's so much good in the worst
of us, and there's so much bad in the
best of us, that it doesn't behoove any
of us to speak ill of the rest of us."

RELIEF NOT AT HAND

REPUBLICAN PARTY PLANS NO TARIFF REDUCTIONS.

President Taft's Message, in That Re-
spect, Disappointing in the Ex-
treme—Delay of at Least a
Year is Proposed.

In considering severally during the
past year the claims of different
countries to be entitled to the benefits
of the minimum tariff, the case of
Canada gave President Taft particu-
lar difficulty and was disposed of
last of all.

After it had fortunately been de-
cided that the penal maximum tariff
schedules should not be imposed on
imports from that country, negotia-
tions contemplating a formal reci-
procity treaty between Union and Do-
minion followed as a natural sequence.
These negotiations, interrupted dur-
ing the summer, were resumed in
October and continued into Novem-
ber. They are now in suspension, and
Mr. Taft, accordingly, gave no details
in his message to congress and only
expressed a hope that they may be
successful.

It is evident that Mr. Taft sincere-
ly desires the conclusion of the pro-
posed Canadian arrangement and
will permit no stand-pat resistance to
interfere with the object of the nego-
tiations, so far as they are in the con-
trol of the executive.

The possible reduction in duty on
a few Canadian imports that would
result from the success of the nego-
tiation is, however, the only tariff
reduction Mr. Taft promises the peo-
ple for an entire year. To the wide-
spread demand for early relief from
some of the more outrageous pro-
visions of the act of August 5, 1909—
which popular demand was evidenced
in very striking fashion during the
campaign—the only response he
makes is the response of himself and
the administration leaders during the
campaign's continuance.

That is to say, he again promises
relief through his "Tariff Board," the
name by which he dignifies his "as-
sistants" in the matter of the tariff,
whose official character is question-
able and who have no greater author-
ity than an assistant secretary or
stenographer in the president's office
or a departmental clerk. Mr. Taft
says frankly that these "assistants"
cannot complete their work and sub-
mit recommendations during the pres-
ent session. He hopes, however, to
present something from them during
the session that begins a year from
this December.

It may be pointed out that it is ex-
tremely doubtful whether any reci-
procity treaty with Canada, even if
one is arranged, could be ratified by
the senate before the beginning of that
session.

Annual messages have rarely con-
tained passages as disappointing.
With the state of the public mind and
almost every other circumstance
favorable to a reform of at least four
or five schedules, a reform to which
he himself is privately inclined, Mr.
Taft ignores the psychological mo-
ment, so far as his party is concerned,
and weakly consents to a delay of a
whole year.

Any relief from the more bur-
denome tariff exactions that is given
before March 4 next must come from
the initiative of Insurgents and Demo-
crats. The White House declines to
furnish the initiative and if an at-
tempt is made will probably offer ob-
struction rather than help.

The Latest Sugar Trust Scandal.

As the investigation into the charge
that the sugar trust has unlawfully
acquired large tracts of Philippine
sugar lands proceeds public presump-
tion will be that the trust is guilty as
charged. For the people have come to
regard this trust as an offensive out-
law, utterly beyond ordinary consid-
eration as a business institution.

It is charged that in the Philippines
case the trust has used and abused
the government; that it has proceed-
ed on a land policy that, if continued,
would give the sugar interests a mo-
nopoly of the Philippine sugar busi-
ness, and that the purchases have
been made on a ruling by Attorney
General Wickersham that is obviously
contrary to law.

So far as the trust is involved in
these charges, the accusation is en-
tirely plausible. For many years the
sugar trust has been the backbone of
excessive protection duties. Through
the tariff it has used the government
to extort from the people, for it has
lawfully collected vast tribute—an
average of about \$60,000,000 per year
—in prices far in excess of its rates
in free trade England. Then it was
caught stealing revenue to the extent
of many millions of dollars. Its
"snatch" lawyers are constantly look-

ing for technical flaws in the tariff,
and through some of these flaws the
trust has had refunds amounting to
millions, the refunds being for duties
collected by the government, but for
which the trust already had taxed
the consumers. In the refund busi-
ness the trust enjoyed a double graft.
The country will hope that the con-
gressional investigation may be thor-
ough, and that no one who has been
a party to a new sugar trust imposi-
tion will be spared.

We have not for a quarter of a cen-
tury had a Republican tariff that was
really made by congress. All were
made by the interests. And we know
that the interests do not wish a down-
ward revision—that they will not per-
mit it.

Liberal School Notes.

Quite a number of new pupils have
enrolled since the holiday vacation.
This makes some of our rooms in the
grades very full. After the end of the
second week Miss Mabel Glenn will
have charge of the fifth grade and
Miss Wells who is now in the fifth
grade will take part of the third and
fourth grades. This arrangement
will relieve the most crowded grades
and will give the teachers a chance
to do better work.

The mid term examinations will
come next week. Each pupil in the
school will be required to take this
final for the first half of the year.
If he does not make an average of
75 per cent he will be put back to
where he began the first of the year.
The new plan of having two finals
a year makes it so that a pupil that
is weak in his studies is put back
just a half year instead of a year as
formerly.

There seems to be some misunder-
standing about children entering the
primary. The primary will not en-
roll new pupils until mid term, or
January 23rd and any time during
the first few weeks after that date.

The teachers and pupils of the
graded school wish to express their
sincere sympathy to Mr. Will Petty
and family in this their great loss of
wife and mother. Especially does
our sympathy go out to the little
ones who have been under our care
during the school year.

Visitors in the second grade this
week were: Mrs. T. J. Smith, Mrs.
Eldson, Mrs. Friermood, Fern Hack-
ett and Mary Friermood.

The second grade now has an en-
rollment of 41.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

Roy Jones who has been out of
school on account of ill health re-en-
tered Monday.

Mr. Ross Telford of Des Moines,
Iowa, enrolled Monday.

The class in Agriculture are study-
ing poultry management this week.
The experiments in egg testing prove
quite interesting.

We are sorry to learn that Miss
Gladys Alphin will soon leave with
her parents for Pratt, Kansas. Miss
Gladys is a bright student and we are
loath to lose her.

The school year will be half over
January 20th, and the mid year ex-
aminations will be given next week.
We hope every pupil desiring promo-
tion will be present to take them.

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person or persons illegally hand-
ling, driving off and disposing of
or butchering any of my stock.

C. M. Light,
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R. I. Owns New Line.

Agent W. A. Montgomery has
received a bulletin from the gen-
eral offices of the Rock Island tell-
ing of the recent acquisition of the
company of the Chicago, Rock Is-
land and El Paso line. This was a
short road which has been under
the control of the Rock Island for
some time, but the actual owner-
ship is but recent. The line runs
from Bravo, New Mexico, to Tu-
cumcari, New Mexico.—Hutchin-
son News.

FIRE AT GUYMON

Courthouse and Many of the Records Destroyed.

A few minutes before 1 o'clock
Saturday morning, the village of
Guymon was roused by the fire
alarm. The courthouse was then
burning rapidly. The blaze seem-
ed to have started in the south
side of the building in the office of
the county clerk. By the efforts
of the citizens, a number of the
records were saved. The frame
building was a total loss of about
\$2,500. Just how many and what
records were destroyed is not yet
known, but it is believed that the
tax rolls were all saved, while
most of the records of the Regis-
ter of Deeds were destroyed. The
fire will be a costly one for the
county, for it means a new
courthouse and the added expense
of copying up the records from
the abstracter's books there.
There were some of the books in
the vaults, which were old and de-
fective, and these are believed to
have been destroyed. Coming at
such a time, just before the new
officers took charge, and following
so bitter a campaign as that of
last fall, it is openly talked in
Guymon that the fire was the work
of an incendiary. A special ex-
aminer was auditing the books at
the courthouse last week, and had
not completed the work Saturday
when the courthouse burned.

Real Estate Transfers

J. W. and Alice Wooden to
J. C. Nuss, lot 3 block 2 Craig Add.
J. M. Wheeler to H. G. Chapman
lot 7 block 21 Hayne Kansas.

D. T. and Rose D. Edwards to
John Baughman southeast 1/4 sec.,
23, township 31, range 32.

J. W. and Ella Baughman to D. T.
Edwards northeast 1/4 sec. 11, town-
ship 31, range 31.

Gurney Ranch Co. to C. W.
Ellsaesser, southwest 1/4 section 5
and the west 1/4 of the southeast 1/4,
and the southeast 1/4 of the south-
east 1/4 sec. 5 township 33, range 33.

W. D. Miller to G. P. Lyman, lot
18 block 25 original Liberal.

C. and Hattie Ellsaesser to Hat-
tie Merchant, southwest 1/4 of sec.
5 and the west 1/4 of the southeast
1/4 and the southeast 1/4 of the south-
east 1/4 of sec. 5 town. 33 range 33.

Amanda Boles to Arlie Atha
northeast 1/4 sec. 18, township 35,
range 34.

E. L. Gaskill to Grigsby, lots
9 and 10 block 14, old Liberal.

R. C. and Annie Griggs to R. P.
Smith, lot 1 block 5, Wheeler Add.

L. D. and Lina Foutz to C. W.
Finley, lots 5, 6, 7 and 8 block 3,
Friscio Addition.

J. W. and Ella Baughman to
G. M. Dudley, lots 1 to 32 inclu-
sive, block 8, Baughman's first Add.

Farm loans—S. W. Smith.

Will They Do It.

While many are wondering
about what laws the present Legis-
lature will pass, all of western
Kansas is keeping its eye on the
mortgage tax law. It is not only
double taxation, for both the
owner of the property and the
holder of the mortgage pay taxes,
but it keeps interest rates up high,
keeps capital from coming in, and
drives still other capital out. It
takes a lot of money to develop a
new county, and any law which
keeps needed capital out, is a hind-
rance to us, not a help. We
should boost for the repeal of this
law, because Gov. Stubbs vetoed
such a law as we now want, and it
will take plenty of boosting to
pass to this year.

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Thompson, address, Garden City, Kans.

TERMS OF DISTRICT COURT
Wednesday after third Tuesday of April
Wednesday after second Monday of September
Wednesday after second Tuesday of December

CITY
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M. H. Scandrett
Paul Light
L. Longenecker
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J. Karan
T. J. Smith
A. Shumate
Police Judge
Marshal
Clerk
Treasurer
Street Commissioner

Liberal R. R. Time Card.

EAST BOUND.
No. 22, except Sunday, " " 7:20 a. m.
No. 4, Limited " " 7:40 a. m.
No. 2, " " 8:00 a. m.
No. 34, " " 2:35 a. m.
WEST BOUND.
No. 22, except Sunday, " " 6:00 p. m.
No. 1, " " 1:45 p. m.
No. 3, Limited, " " 11:20 a. m.
No. 33, " " 1:45 a. m.
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Notice of Dissolution of Part- nership.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership
heretofore existing between Chas. Taylor and
D. G. Hamilton, under the firm name of Chas.
Taylor & Company, for the purpose of con-
ducting a general drug business in the city of
Liberal, Kansas, has been dissolved and that
D. G. Hamilton has retired from said firm and
business in the city of Liberal, Kansas.
By the terms of such dissolution it is agreed
that said D. G. Hamilton is to be relieved of
all liability for any contracts or bills made
by said firm.
The said dissolution to take effect October
1, 1910.
D. G. HAMILTON
CHAS. TAYLOR

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office
at Dodge City, Kansas, December 3, 1910.
Notice is hereby given that
WILLIAM J. HARREL,
of Liberal, Kansas, who, on February 4, 1904,
made homestead entry 2290, serial No. 0375,
for the northeast quarter of section 12, town-
ship 34 south, range 33 west, 8th principal me-
ridian, has filed notice of intention to make
final five year proof, to establish claim to the
land above described, before the clerk of the
district court of Stevens county, Kansas, at
Hugoton, Kansas, on
JANUARY 16, 1911.
Claimant names as witnesses: David W.
Scott, Charles W. Scott, and Walter W. Heath,
all of Liberal, Kansas, and Albert Welch of
Ematon, Kansas.
Not coal land. H. F. MILLIKAN, Register.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Of-
fice at Dodge City, Kansas, December 3, 1910.
Notice is hereby given that
WINNIE JUNE HARREL,
of Ematon, Kansas, who, on February 4, 1904,
made homestead entry 2491, serial No. 05078,
for the northwest quarter of section 12, town-
ship 34 south, range 33 west, 8th principal me-
ridian, has filed notice of intention to make
final five years proof, to establish claim to the
land above described, before the probate judge
of Stevens county, Kansas, at Hugoton, Kan-
sas, on
JANUARY 16, 1911.
Claimant names as witnesses: David W.
Scott, and Charles W. Scott, both of Liberal,
Kansas, and Jesse O. Hamner and Albert
Welch, both of Ematon, Kansas.
Not coal land. H. F. MILLIKAN, Register.

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